

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 23rd May 2025 at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Dinnington

Present: Cllr N Ruff (Chair), Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall, T Mulholland and D Smith.

Apologies: Cllr J Hart

Absent: Cllr D Adams

In attendance: T. Collingham (Town Clerk and RFO) and two members of public

N89/25 To elect the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for 2025/26

The Clerk highlighted that as Cllr N Ruff was joining the meeting via a Teams link, he would not have any voting rights as he is not present in the room for the meeting.

Resolved:- That Cllr N Ruff be elected the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for 2025/26

N90/25 To answer questions from the last meeting: and to allow for questions from electors of Dinnington to ask one question only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or on a pertinent issue that may arise; followed by the formal meeting

No questions raised during the public participation session.

N91/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

Resolved:- The Committee approved the reasons for absence from Cllr J Hart and noted the absence of C Adams

N92/25 To receive and record any declarations of interest and if necessary, to receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Cllr N Ruff stated he had a personal interest in a planning matter. The Clerk advised that this item was not agenda. However, the councillor wished to state his personal interest and that he would remain present.

Cllr N Ruff also asked a member of the public to register an interest in an item on the agenda. The Clerk advised that the member of public was not a councillor and would not have any voting rights at the meeting.

N93/25 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

Resolved:- The Committee resolved that N101, N102 and N103 be held in confidential session due to the commercial sensitivity.

N94/25 To approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Friday 9th May 2025

No matters raised on the minutes.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on Friday 9th May 2025 be approved as a true record and the minutes be signed by the Chairman at the bottom of each page.

N95/25 To receive an update with the contact between the Council and Barratts Homes to confirm how much money has been paid to RMBC and consider any further action

Cllr D Smith informed the Committee that he hadn't been able to make contact with Barratt Homes, he has contacted head office but has no further update. It was established that Cube may have a contact that could be used.

Chairman Signature:



The Committee shared their frustration at other developments and the lack of money that has been spent in the Dinnington parish.

Resolved:-

- (1) That Cllr D Smith contact Cube for the new contact details for Barrats Homes
- (2) That the Clerk locate the previous bids submitted to Rotherham Council in regard to the S106 monies for the playground strategy

N96/25 To receive an email response from RMBC and consider any further action

The Committee noted the response received from the Chief Executive of Rotherham Council and review the S106 spreadsheet in response to previous questions regarding what monies were outstanding to be paid.

The Committee raised that they felt a disconnect between the Town Council and the principle authority in regard to plans and planning. It was highlighted that it is the responsibility of the principle authority for planning.

The Clerk shared an update from Housing at Rotherham Council. The Committee noted that the plots of land surrounding Leicester Road are to be discussed at the Asset Management Board meeting in August.

The Committee wished to explore the benefits of better social housing, and to find out more information from South Yorkshire Police on the statistically data and improvement in the 'white city' development of Laughton Common.

The Committee wished to have more detail on when the playing field strategy releases, what is the date and outcome from this for the Town Council.

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Clerk contact Rotherham Council regarding RB2020/B46 for more information relating to the covenant details
- (2) That the Clerk contact the Officer at Rotherham Council responsible for compiling the spreadsheet of data relating to S106 monies, and ask for a presentation of the data
- (3) The Clerk to provide information relating to land acquisition
- (4) That the Clerk will try to acquire historic data relating to antisocial behaviour and policing stats for 'white city' before Laughton Common was redeveloped
- (5) That the Clerk begins to pull together a proposal document to be recommended to the Council for approval for submission to RNN Group
- (6) That the Clerk begin to create a separate strategy of monies that will be proposed to be paid to the Council
- (7) That the Clerk will share a list of the Committee's action points with Rotherham Council to help them understand the position of the Committee and to ask for when the Council needs the proposal and data relating to the Town Councils intentions by

N97/25 To note an update to the invitation for Cube to attend the meeting on 20th June 2025

The Clerk advised the Committee that Cube have agreed to attend the meeting on 20th June 2025 and will be doing a presentation for all that attend the meeting.

N98/25 To receive an update regarding the practical and financial process to consultancy for the Council and consider any further action

The Clerk presented the response from our Local Council Association regarding bringing back a prior company for consultancy to the Council.

The Committee noted that the Council may feel that Financial Regulation 5.2 ii could be used for the purpose of a continuation of existing working, as long as the Council can effectively evidence why its best to approach this one consultant who has the background knowledge based on their previous work.

The Clerk advised that the Council should be mindful of its budget for the work. I would suggest that I contact the company to ask for written quotations for the Council's consideration to allow the original work to be continued.

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Clerk contact Cube for a quotation of work for consultancy in relation to providing architect services on land within the Dinnington parish

N99/25 To receive information regarding borrowing from the PWLB including the term length and maximum to borrow and consider any further action

The Clerk shared the process in which a Town Council may make an application for a loan from the Public Work Loans Work.

The Clerk highlighted that any applications are made through the Local Council Association and that the Town Council must be able to show the consideration through the Council with a clear proposal with the costings for a capital project, it cannot be used for revenue.

The Clerk highlighted the need to undertake public consultation as part of the evidence in the process.

Resolved:-

- (1) That contact be made with the GP Surgery to receive accurate costings of their build and fit out and to contact RNN for the costings and to understand the clear process for the bidding for the land.

N100/25 To note an update with regard to the sale of land at East Street and consider any further action

The Clerk provided an update that the conveyancing documents requested had been submitted and that there was currently no further update.

N101/25 [CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] – To receive an update from the meeting arranged with the occupiers of the surrounding land on Leicester Road and consider any further action

Due to the nature of the business to be transacted, this item was excluded from the press and public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

Resolved:-

- (1) That Cllr N Ruff, Cllr D Smith and Cllr W Hall meet with the occupiers of the land on Friday 30th May

N102/25 [CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] – To receive and update from the meeting between the Council and the GP Surgery to understand the funding model for their surgeries and what funding gap they may have in relation to refurbishment costs, whether this is capital or pension funded

Due to the nature of the business to be transacted, this item was excluded from the press and public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

Resolved:-

- (1) That the GP Surgery are invited to our future meetings and included with the strategy of moving forward with the development of services within Dinnington and the Town Council's proposal

N103/25 [CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] – To note the briefing update from the meeting between the Council and RNN Group and consider any further action

Due to the nature of the business to be transacted, this item was excluded from the press and public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Clerk register an interest in the land of the RNN Group college site within Dinnington

N104/25 To note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

No other matters were raised for the next meeting.

N105/25 To note the date and time of the next meeting

Friday 6th June 2025 at 9:00am

Meeting Closed: 11:20

Chairman Signature:



